

Full Assurance OF
Faith

Hebrews 10:19-23



All of the Old Testament laws, rituals and items were used by God to instruction us on what Christ would do when he appeared

- **Hebrews 10:1a NLT** - The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves.
 - Some are easy to see – burnt offering for the forgiveness of sins
 - The ceremonial washing to show the purity needed to stand before a holy and righteous God

There was the tabernacle that represented God dwelling with the nation of Israel

It consisted of two rooms with the first being the Holy Place

- Only accessible by priests serving God before the people
- Table of showbread – constant reminder of God's everlasting covenant with Israel
 - Remember Jesus said he was the bread of life

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- Golden lampstands – meaning God’s eternal truth shown to mankind, made of gold for purity and holiness
 - Remember Jesus said he was the light of the world
- Alter of incense – represented the prayers of God’s people ascending to his throne



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The second room was the Holy of Holies

- Only accessible by the High Priest once a year seeking mercy for the people Israel
- Inside were golden altar of incense burners used to create a cloud within, representing the holiness of God and man's sinfulness preventing him from seeing God

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There second piece of furniture was the Arc of the Covenant, also known as the Arc of the Testimony or Arc of God

- This was a golden inlaid box containing items that represented God's Covenant with Israel
- 2 stone tablets containing the 10 commandments representing God's authority over Israel

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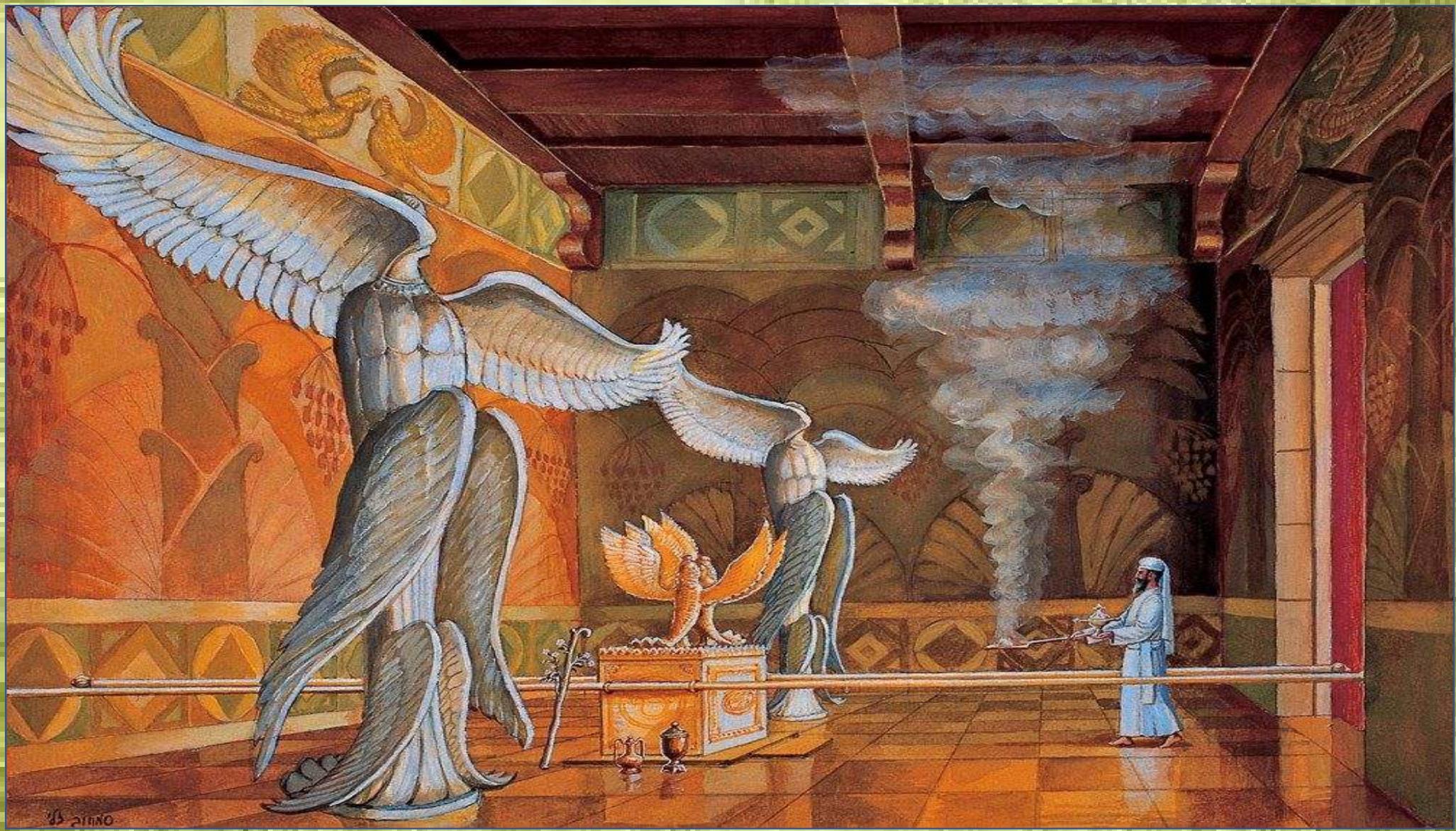
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- A jar of manna representing God's provision for the nation of Israel
- Aaron's rod that budded representing God sovereignty over the affairs of man

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- On top of the Arc was the Mercy Seat representing the need for God's mercy
- Above the mercy seat were two cherubim and between them was an image of a cloud representing God's presence with the nation of Israel



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Separating the two rooms was a very thick veil/curtain signifying the separation of sinful man from God who is holy

- There was no access to the mercy seat except once a year when the High Priest would enter in and offer an acceptable sacrifice to God for the sins of the nation – all individuals under the covenant

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- Before God mankind stands convicted for their sin debt and the only answer for it is God's mercy which was behind the veil
- **Hebrews 10:1b NLT** - The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship.

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- **Matthew 27:50-51a** - 50 Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. 51 At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.
- So, what does this mean?
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Studying Giants Against Our Faith

- One of the greatest giants we have is our feelings of unworthiness
- In trying to understand God and our relationship we try and use our human relationships as an example
- **Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it is impossible to please God**
- If we are honest our faith falters at times

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- **Hebrews 10:3-4 NLT** - 3 But instead, those sacrifices actually reminded them of their sins year after year. 4 For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
- **John 1: 29 NLT** - 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

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Because our sin debt has been taken away and the veil to the mercy seat of God has been torn, we can have great confidence to approach God

- The access is the sacrifice (body) of Christ
- Not only has Christ provided access, he is our great High Priest standing beside us before the throne of God

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- **Hebrews 7:25 NLT** - Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

It means we can come before a Holy God with full assurance because of what Christ has done in us

vs. 22 NLT - let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him.

- We are full of assurance that God will accept us, welcome us and love us because we are fully trusting in the finished work of Christ

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- Sincere hearts are hearts that know our sin debt has been taken away, knows we have been adopted into the Kingdom of God and Christ's work was sufficient to satisfy all the requirements of a Holy, Righteous God
- A sincere heart is one that does not diminish the work of Christ in you or try to add to it with works

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- Assured faith is not faith that you have done everything right, said the right words, did enough good works....
- Assured faith is Christ's work in you has made you adequate to stand before God
- Did you notice our conscience has been cleansed of all our guilt?

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- Notice the washing like the High Priest to enter the Holy of Holies and the sprinkling of blood onto the Mercy Seat
 - There are those who still lament the sin from the past or maybe more current sins, and it continues to eat at them

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- There is no peace, security, hindered relationship
 - This does not mean we will not grieve at times for the consequence of sins, but before God they are not remembered
 - We grieve with hope

It means we can hold onto the hope of Christ Jesus in us while the world and our enemy attempts to bring you under bondage again

- This world, our enemy, longs to suck the song out of your life
- Christ has put a new song in your heart
- A song of peace, love, joy

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- You hear his voice in the Judaizers claiming grace gets you saved but you must live under the law to make sure we live right
- He will try and get your focus off Christ and more onto the things of this world, how the world thinks

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- He will bring up your past
- Get your eyes on shiny things
- Bring spiritual arrogance or apathy into your life
- **vs. 23 NLT** - Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

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- Faith in God is trusting that God will keep his promises
- When it seems like you are the most weak Christian to every walk the earth – trust God
- When it seems like the gates of Hell are crashing against you – trust God to keep His Word/Promises

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- When there is nothing left to hold onto here, hold tightly to your hope in Christ Jesus
- **Numbers 23:19 NLT** - God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?

Jesus called himself the “Good Shepherd” that allowed his sheep into the sheep pen

John 10:9-10 NIV - 9 I am the gate (think veil) whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

- We have confidence of full assurance in Christ Jesus

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